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Dear Mr. Carver:

I was delighted to learn from George Tanham that you might be interested in preparing a paper on the role of the military in Vietnamese politics for the Conference on Political Development in Vietnam. The conference will take place on May 14th and 15th at the Wingspread conference center of the Johnson Foundation at Racine, Wisconsin. It is sponsored by the Southeast Asia Development Advisory Group in conjunction with the Johnson Foundation. The participants will include approximately twenty-five people expert in Vietnam and/or political development coming primarily from universities and the government.

It is our hope that in your paper you could analyze the patterns of change within the Vietnamese military with some attention to the social-economic background of the officers, the factional cleavages and their political ideologies and purposes. It would also be extremely useful, I think, if you could touch on the relations between the various military groups and principal civilian actors on the Vietnamese political scene. Obviously, however, you are the best judge of what should be in the paper, and I would hope that you would feel free to develop whatever lines you think to be important. If you should wish to discuss it with me, please give me a ring (617-868-7600, Ext. 4432).

George said that you might only be able to make it out for Sunday, and if this is the case, we can certainly schedule your paper for that day.

Among the other papers which will be presented at the conference are:

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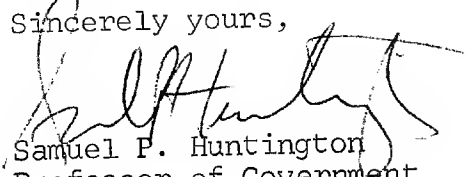
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John Bennett,³ "Political Implications of Economic Change"; John Donnell,⁴ "Revolutionary Development and Its Impact on Political Infrastructure"; Edward Mitchell, "Land Tenure and Rebellion in South Vietnam"; Ithiel de Sola Pool,⁷ "Political Alternatives to the Viet Cong"; Milton Sacks,⁸ "Constitution Building in Vietnam: Prospects for Civilian Government". We are also in the process of negotiating with other scholars for additional papers on relevant topics.

I very much hope that you will be joining us and that you will be able to do this paper.

Sincerely yours,


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Professor of Government

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- 5. Temple Univ. (Philadelphia) Professor; RAND consultant
- 6. RAND staffer (economist)
- 7. Professor at MIT Center for International Studies, RAND consultant
- 8. Professor at Brandeis, used to be with SUSATO in Saigon